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BO 41592

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

09/529778

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/NL98/00602INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
20 October 1998PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
20 October 1997

## TITLE OF INVENTION

HEARING AID FOR IMPROVING THE HEARING ABILITY OF THE HARD OF HEARING

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau. (see PCT/IB/308)
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

International Preliminary Examination Report.

Search Report.

Application Data Sheet.

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BO 4159217. ☒ The following fees are submitted:**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):**Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482)  
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$
Total claims	11 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$ 0

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must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). +**SUBTOTAL =**

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37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate  
copy of this sheet is enclosed.**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR  
1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

April 20, 2000

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ATTACHED IS A NATIONAL STATEMENT OF  
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CONSISTING OF: FORM PTO-1390 with

8 PAGES SPECIFICATION

11 CLAIMS

3 SHEETS DRAWINGS

NO DECLARATION

X PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT with AMENDED SHEETS, FORM  
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Gentlemen:

re: Marinus Marias BOONE et al. - New  
U.S. Patent Appln. Corres. to  
Netherlands 1007321 - PCT/NL98/00602  
Ref. BO 41592 JGD

In accordance with your instructions of April 17, 2000, we filed the above-identified application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office today. Convention priority was preserved. The filing receipt will be forwarded to you in due course.

We filed without a declaration. We therefore enclose a declaration for signature and dating by the inventors. Please return the signed declaration, or a telefax copy thereof, to us if possible by May 20, 2000. An assignment is also enclosed.

At the time of filing the application, we filed a preliminary amendment in which we corrected the multiple dependency of the claims and avoided the payment of additional fees to our Patent Office.

Our debit note and your copies of the preliminary amendment are also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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